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Alex Hedley
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Dear Mr Hedley

Thank you for your email received 5 August 2013 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

"I am writing to obtain information about the student loan information for students studying towards a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery in New Zealand. If possible can you please provide information as a year-by-year break down for the period from 2008 to 2012 inclusive. Additionally, it would be useful to have a separate figures for the course-related costs, living costs, course fees and administration charges as well as the number of students that are claiming for this programme."

This letter is to advise you that the Ministry will provide a response but needs to extend the time available to answer your request. The Ministry's response will be with you no later than 26 September 2013.

The reason for the extension is that the Ministry needs further time to consult with other parties on the release of the information you have requested. These other parties may be affected by the release of the information and I need to provide them with an opportunity to identify any prejudice that might arise from its release before I make a final decision.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision to extend the time by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

I will respond to you sooner if I am able to.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Wilson
General Manager Ministerial and Executive Services

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